

**DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY**

**3 CAPITOL HILL
CONFERENCE ROOM # 401
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 2, 2014
8:00AM**

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Robert Bartro, DDS, Vice Chair

Donald Williams, Secretary

Thomas Bertrand, MPH

Caroline Danish, DDS

Kerri Friel, RDH, COA, CDA, MA

Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed

Stephen Puerini, DMD

Robert Ricci, Ph.D

Maureen Ross, RDH, BS

Maryellen Simas, RDH

Craig VanDongen, DDS

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Carleton Cappuccino, DMD, Chair

Russell Chin, DDS

Martin Nager, DMD

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Amy Coleman, JD

Donna Costantino, MBA

James McDonald, MD

Robert O'Donnell, MS

Linda Phillips

Donna Valletta

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Marie Jones-Bridges, RIDHA

Valeria Celantano, RIDA

Patrick Quinlan, JD, RIDA

1. Establishment of a quorum

A meeting of the Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room # 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 8:00AM on a motion by Donald C. Williams and seconded by Maureen Ross, RDH, BS. Motion carried.

2. Presentation of the June 4, 2014 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Craig VanDongen, DDS, and seconded by Stephen Puerini, DMD, to accept the Open Session minutes of June 4, 2014. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3. Chairperson's Report

• Announcements

o Donna Costantino, MBA, discussed the changes that the Department of Health are making to:

ه Agenda Template – To use one type of template for the whole Department and placement of the Public Comment Section.

 Roles and Responsibilities – Was handed out to Board members and will be updated as needed.

 Term Limits – Members can stay on the Board until their replacement is selected. Discussion on the wording in the Rules and Regulations as the meaning is confusing. Robert Bartro, DDS, Vice Chairman, reported that this meeting would be his last meeting for the Board as he has sent letters to Governor Lincoln Chaffee and Director of Health Michael Fine advising that he has resigned. Question was raised as to why Gail Giuliano's name was still listed on the Secretary of State website showing she is still on the Board.

 Complaint letter – Corrections have been made to response letter.

 Date Stamps – All date stamps have been replaced with a stamp which reads "Health Professions Regulations." Secretary of the Board, Donald Williams questioned "How we guarantee distribution of information/material received and how it's given to the Board in a timely manner."

o Amy Coleman, JD, discussed what could be and could not be discussed in Open and Closed session to members of the Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry.

• Newly Licensed Professionals

o The list of issued licenses was announced to all Board Members present. Motion was made by Stephen Puerini, DMD, and seconded

by Maryellen Simas, RDH, to approve the list of licensees. Motion carried. The following is a list of those licensees:

DENTISTS -

Derek Cornetta

Caitlin Duggan

Carmen Garcia

DENTAL HYGIENISTS -

Victora Brockwell (LA)

Suzanne Fernandes

Megan Frament

Sabrina Gambuto

Maryssa LaFond

Aubrey Parmentier

Kristin Pezzolesi

Coral Salvatore (LA)

Alyssa Torres (LA)

ANESTHESIA PERMITS -

Lori-Ann Dilorio (LA)

Gwen Dominick (LA)

Anna Olivares (LA)

Aubrey Parmentier (LA)

Wendy Partridge (LA)

- **Statute Revision**

- o Amy Coleman, JD, discussed and handed out the requirements to the new law which was passed - 2014-S-2347 Substitute A.

- **Sub-committee Updates**

- o No new updates

- **Communications**

- o Board Meeting Schedule – Next Board meeting will be held on August 6, 2014.

4. New Business

- James McDonald, MD, discussed how to register for the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) and gave examples of how one dentist that he spoke with was taken advantage of by a patient who had gone to 35 different dentists to receive prescriptions for a narcotic. Dr. McDonald stated how easy it is to access information and how to use it. Caroline Danish, DDS, asked if the patient had to sign a release before a dentist may use the information and after a discussion it was

determined that a patient does not have to sign a release form.

5. Public Comment

- Marie Jones-Bridges, RIDHA, requested a copy of the handout with the roles and responsibilities of Department of Health staff working with the Dental Board.**
- Patrick Quinlan, JD, RIDA, discussed the RIDA interpretation of what PMP can be used for. Requested that clear legislation is needed as there are possibly civil penalties as the law is very confusing. Stephen Puerini, DMD, asked if there is any case or challenge to this law and Attorney Quinlan stated there were no cases he knew of.**

6. Adjourn to Closed Session

Motion was made by Maryellen Simas, RDH, and seconded by Stephen Puerini, DMD, to adjourn to Closed Session at 8:40AM. Motion carried. Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure. Said individuals have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an open meeting.

Also, pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode

Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.

7. Return to Open Session

Motion was made by Secretary Donald Williams, and seconded by Kerri Friel, RDH, COA, CDA, MA at 10:45AM to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Motion carried.

8. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

The board reviewed and opened three (3) cases and administratively closed two (2) cases.

9. Adjournment

- The next Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 6, 2014, 8:00AM at the Rhode Island**

**Department of Health, Conference Room # 401, 3 Capitol Hill,
Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Craig VanDongen, DDS,
and seconded by Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed, to adjourn at 11:00AM.
Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. O'Donnell, Jr.

Board Manager

Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry

Office of Health Professionals Regulations